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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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| <b>Office Action Summary</b> | <b>Application No.</b> | <b>Applicant(s)</b> |  |
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|                              | Robert C. Watson       | 3723                |  |

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**Period for Reply**

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**Status**

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2a) This action is FINAL.                    2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 1-5 and 11-16 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 6-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:
    1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)                     |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____  |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>2/9/04</u> | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
|   | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                                    |

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The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 6-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hung (Victor) in view of Hung (Michael).

Hung (Victor) shows a lift jack that has both a rapid rise/low pressure mechanical actuator and a slow rise/high pressure hydraulic actuator. Hung does not describe the operation of the hydraulics as the piston rises in the cylinder during the time when mechanical actuator raises the lift arm. Hung (Michael) describes the operation of a two stage jack using hydraulics to perform a rapid rise/low pressure condition followed by a slow rise/high pressure condition. During the rapid rise/low pressure condition a relief valve 21 facilitates oil to move from the reservoir to the hydraulic cylinder. To provide a relief valve in Hung (Victor) to move oil from the reservoir into the hydraulic cylinder during the rapid rise/low pressure condition would have been obvious for one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made in view of the disclosure of Hung (Michael). One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to do this in order to provide the proper hydraulics for the rapid rise/low pressure condition.

Claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hung in view of Hung supra and further in view of Wixey ('909).

Hung in view of Hung does not specifically address whether or not there is a safety overpressure relief valve in the hydraulic circuit. Wixey teaches the use of an

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overpressure relief valve 36 (see column 4, lines 18-22). To employ an overpressure relief valve in the above applied structure of Hung in view of Hung would have been obvious for one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made in view of the disclosure of Wixley. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to do this in order to enhance the safety of the jack.

Claims 1-5 and 11-16 are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert C. Watson whose telephone number is 571 272-4498. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. - Thurs. , 5:30am - 4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph J. Hail III can be reached on 571 272-4485. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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